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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency/
                  Chief, Central Security Service
                  Deputy Director, Central Intelligence

Subject: Use of TITAN IIIC Launch Vehicle (U)

DD/A REGISTRY
FILE: Vehicles

1. (S) The Commander in Chief, Aerospace Defense Command (CINCAD) has recently requested Air Staff approval for launch of the next Defense Support Program (DSP) satellite. This would require use of the only remaining TITAN IIIC booster. Since the Defense Satellite Communications System is also a candidate for this vehicle, you should be aware of events leading to the request and of current efforts to determine an appropriate course of action.

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3. (S) The Air Staff is currently evaluating the impacts of the CINCAD request. Should the Air Force support a new DSP launch, JCS will perform an additional assessment of the consequences, associated risks and alternatives. If a JCS assessment is necessary, impact to you from expending the remaining TITAN IIIC booster would be most helpful in achieving the correct decision.

JCS review completed. Secondary referral to USAF.

USAF review completed.

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PHILIP C. GAST
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director for Operations

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